

Group III - Claims 22-25, drawn to an antibody or antibody fragment; and

Group IV - Claims 26-27 and 28-30, drawn to a screening method for identifying a "compound" which binds an angiogenesis protein.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of group I, Claims 1-8 and 28-30, drawn to human angiogenesis related proteins and peptides. In particular Applicants request, under M.P.E.P. §706.02(n), that the claims of Group IV, claims 26-27, be rejoined with Group I, in the event that the claims of Group I are found novel and unobvious.

Applicants further reserve the right to further pursue the non-elected subject matter of the application in one or more divisional applications.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present response or application, she is requested to please contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD in the Washington DC area, at (703) 205-8000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time

filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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